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Mr. Bob Steele Operator 1055 North 400 East Nephi, Utah 84648

Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Levan Gypsum Re:

Mine, S/023/016, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

Thank you for your amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on June 3, 1994. The application for the proposed Levan Gypsum project, located in the SW/4 of Section 33, T14S, R1E, SLBM, is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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Please be advised that the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may also require certain permits for your operation. For further information regarding their permitting requirements, you may contact them at (801) 538-6146; their mailing address is Utah State Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Travis W. Jones

Reclamation Hydrologist

jb Enclosure

cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ

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